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### Education

#### **Juris Doctor (J.D.), Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON. June 2012**

- Research member of 2011/2012 Concours Laski Cup mooting team.
- Recipient of Osgood Hall bursary for excellence in Criminal Law (2009/2010).
- Recipient of Osgood Hall/CLASP Prize for Social Justice (2010/2011).
- Recipient of Roy and Ria McMurtry Scholarship (2011).
- Recipient of Dean's Gold Key Award (2012).
- Recipient of Legal and Literary Society Award (2012).

#### **Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Philosophy, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB. June 2008**

- Graduated with First Class Honors.
- Honors thesis completed under supervision of Dr. Cressida Heyse, Canada Research Chair in Gender and Sexuality.
- Recipient of Imperial Oil Academic Excellence Scholarship (2003-2006).

### Work Experience

#### **Associate, Cooper, Sandler, Shime & Bergman LLP, Toronto, ON. June 2013 – present**

#### **Student-at-Law, Cooper, Sandler, Shime & Bergman LLP, Toronto, ON. August 2012 – June 2013**

- Attended set date court appearances, prison visits, assisted with client interviews, performed legal research and drafted memoranda, prepared bail review materials, Charter motions and factums. Attended with counsel at criminal trials and professional discipline hearings.

#### **Summer Student, Hicks Adams LLP, Toronto, ON. May 2011 – August 2011**

- Attended daily set date court appearances, prison visits, interviewed clients, performed legal research and drafted memoranda, prepared legal materials, conducted Crown Pre-Trials. Independently managed summary offence files through to resolution.

**Division Leader, Criminal Justice and Women's Advocacy Division, Community and Legal Aid Services Programme (CLASP), Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON. May 2010 – April 2011**

- Managed caseload of criminal summary offence files under counsel supervision.
- Conducted client and witness interviews, attended at court appearances, conducted Crown and Judicial Pre-Trial Conferences, run summary offence trial. Prepared and presented submissions for guilty pleas.

Co-chair of successful campus-wide referendum campaign for York undergraduate and Osgood Hall student populations to triple student levy funding for CLASP (\$150,000 per year increase).

## Volunteer Work & Extracurricular Activities

**Recent Call Committee, Criminal Lawyers' Association, Toronto, ON. 2015-2017 Term**

**Litigation Committee (Junior Litigator Member), Criminal Lawyers' Association, Toronto, ON. 2016 - present**

**Student Board Member, CLASP, Toronto, ON. 2011-2012 Academic Term**

- Elected Student Board Member by colleagues.

**Women's Caucus Executive, Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON. 2010-2011 Academic Term/2011-2012 Academic Term**

- Legal and Literary Society Representative for the Women's Caucus on the Osgood Hall student government body for 2010-2011. Facilitated coordination between the two organizations.
- Co-Chair for 2011-2012 Academic Term.
- Organized academic and professional seminars and social events for members to promote the interests of women in the legal profession, including the annual Flaming Feminist Cabaret fundraiser and a discussion panel for International Women's Day, 2012. Provide mentoring to junior members of the Women's Caucus.

**Upper Year Mentor, Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, ON. 2010-2011 Academic Term**

- Act as upper year mentor to first-year law student to provide academic and collegial support.

**Child Advocate Volunteer, Zebra Child Protection Centre, Edmonton, AB. October 2008 – July 2009**

- Prepared child victims of crime and their guardians for their involvement in the criminal justice system, in conjunction with Crown Attorneys and RCMP.

## Publications

- The Law Society of Upper Canada
- The Canadian Bar Association
- The Ontario Bar Association
- The Criminal Lawyers' Association